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SKYSCRAPERS FOR MOSCOW

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Extensive plans have been made for the construction of high build-
ings in Moscow. The following is a brief description of some of the
most important buildings, partly under construction at this time.

The Moscow State University will be located on Leninskiye Gory in the south-
west area of Moscow. All of the university buildings will occupy an area of 160
hectares. The main building, the central portion of which is 26 stories high,
will occupy 110 hectares. It will contain a large assembly hall for 1,500 people,
auditoriums, a museum, libraries with reading rooms, various class rooms, etc.
The main building, adjoined by dormitory buildings for 6,000 students, will be
200 meters high and will be situated on the highest point of Leninskiye Gory, 75
meters above the level of the Moskva River.

The plan for the university buildings was drawn by L. V. Rudnev and S. Ye.
Chernyshev, active members of the Academy of Architecture, and P. V. Abrosimov
and A. F. Khryakov, architects. Chief engineer of the construction project is
V. N. Masecnov. Construction is now in progress. It should be completed in 1951 (1).

The Dnepropetrovsk Steel Structures Plant imeni Molotov expects to complete
construction of two floors of the university building by 7 November 1949 (2).

The highest of all new buildings will be a 32-story administrative building
in "Zaryad'ye," a central part of the city. The 15-hectare tract of land to be
occupied by this building descends to the Moskva River embankment in the south.
It borders on ulitsa Razina in the north, Kitayskiy proyezd in the east, and Krasnaya
Ploshchad' (Red Square) in the west, being separated from the Kremlin by the
Moskvoretzkiy Bridge. The main entrance will be from Krasnaya Ploshchad'. The
building will contain central government offices. D. N. Chechulin, active member

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of the Academy of Architecture USSR, is the author of the construction plan; I. M. Tigranov is designing engineer (1). [redacted]

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A 26-story building for a hotel and two apartment-house units is planned for the Dorogomilovskaya Naberezhnaya (Embankment). The front of the building will face the Moskva River. The hotel will have 1,000 rooms, and the two apartment-house units will contain a total of 250 apartments, covering an area of 10,000 square meters. The main portion of the building occupied by the hotel will have 26 stories; the apartment-house units will have 8-10 stories. Total height of the building will be 170 meters. Author of the plan is A. G. Mordvinov, president of the Academy of Architecture USSR, who has done a great deal for the reconstruction of Moscow. P. A. Krasil'nikov is chief engineer of the construction project (1). The Ministry of Construction of Heavy Industry Enterprises will soon begin construction work on this building (3). [redacted]

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A 20-story administrative building is under construction on Smolenskaya Ploshchad', at the intersection of the main thoroughfare, the Arbat, and the Sadovoye Kol'tso. The building will be situated between the Arbat and a new thoroughfare which is to connect Smolenskaya Ploshchad' and the Hall of Soviets on a straight line. The front of the building will face Borodinskiy Bridge and Dorogomilovskiy Rayon. The building will be located on the highest point of the Moskva River bank. It will house a number of important government offices. The tract of land covers about 2.5 hectares.

Authors of the construction plan are architect V. G. Gal'freykh, active member of the Academy of Architecture USSR, and architect M. A. Minkus. G. M. Limanovskiy is chief engineer of the construction project. Construction of this building has also been entrusted to the Ministry of Construction of Heavy Industry Enterprises. The foundation has been laid and assembly of the steel framework is now in progress (1). The latter was constructed by the Dnepropetrovsk Steel Structures Plant imeni Molotov (2).

Assembly of steel structures for the framework was begun in June 1949 by the Moscow Administration of "Stal'konstruktsiya" Trust, Ministry of Heavy Industry Construction Enterprises. It is expected to be completed in November 1949.

Two plants under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Construction of Heavy Industry Enterprises, the Pushkino and the Riga electrical equipment plants, are manufacturing fixtures for covered electric wiring in this building. The "Tsentrstroydetal" (Central Construction Parts) Trust has started the production of cold-drawn wire for the reinforcement of columns, girders, etc.

The Smolenskaya Ploshchad' building is to be completed in 1951, according to government orders. The plan provides for completion of all excavation work, construction of the reinforced-concrete foundation, construction and assembly of the steel framework, and the laying of underground cables during 1949.

The Ministry of Heavy Machine Building is in charge of the construction and installation of 25 high-speed elevators and four suspension-type escalators which are to be installed in this building not later than the middle of 1951.

Many other ministries are participating in the production of parts and installation for this building (3). [redacted]

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On Ploshchad' Vosstaniya a 16-story H-shape modern apartment house with two-, three-, or four-room apartments is to have a capacity of 277,000 cubic meters. The total living area will cover 17,800 square meters. The basic part of the building will have 16 floors, and the higher central part, 22 floors. M. V. Posokhin and A. A. Mndoyants are the architects, and M. N. Vokhomakiy is the designing engineer (1). [redacted]

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Another 16-story building is under construction on Sadovoye Kol'tso, a very high point near Krasnyye Vorota. Total cubic content of the building will be 275,000 cubic meters. It will be occupied partly by administrative offices and partly by apartments. Architects are A. N. Dushkin and B. S. Mesentsev, and designing engineer, V. M. Abramov. The technical plan for this building was approved on 20 January 1949. Construction work has begun (1).

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A 17-story hotel building will be situated on Kalanchevskaya ulitsa, in the Komsomol'skaya Ploshchad' area. It will be in the neighborhood of several important railroad stations and near the subway line connecting these railroad stations. Total height of the building will amount to 128 meters. The hotel will have 358 rooms, with a living area of 7,250 square meters. Its architects are L. M. Polyakov and A. B. Boretzkiy (1).

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On Kotel'nicheskaya Naberezhnaya, near the confluence of the Yauza and Moskva rivers, a 17-story apartment building is under construction. Total height of the building is to be 160 meters. The building will contain 700 apartments of two, three, or four rooms. Its architects are D. N. Chachulin and A. K. Rostkovskiy; its chief engineer is L. M. Gokhman (1).

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Several new buildings are under construction in the vicinity of Mayakovskaya Ploshchad'. One 130-apartment building faces Sadovaya-Triumfal'naya ulitsa. The first 50 apartments in this building have been completed.

Another multistoried apartment house is under construction on Malaya Kol'khoznaya Ploshchad'. Fifty-six apartments of this building will be ready in 1949 (4).

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